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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (September 8-15, 2007)

REF: ANKARA 2313 and previous

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of periodic reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary sources for these reports are mainstream Turkish press services, such as the Anatolian News Agency, and international wire services. While these are more reliable than most Turkish press sources, they are not necessarily unimpeachable. A major source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website which documents contacts/clashes with the PKK. Press services sympathetic to the PKK, such as Neu-Isenburg People's Defense Forces and Firat News Agency, tend to report higher numbers of the Turkish Security Forces casualties and are often otherwise unreliable.

¶2. (U) During the September 8-15, 2007 reporting period, no GOT security officials were killed but 12 were injured, including two village guards in clashes with PKK terrorists and ten security officials in mine/IED explosions.

¶3. (U) In the same period, at least six PKK terrorists were killed in clashes, with the body of another located near the site of a clash whose death could have been inflicted either by Turkish security forces or by PKK forces (who have been known to execute those trying to surrender or flee). Another four PKKers were captured and three surrendered.

¶4. (U) The TGS website reported five clashes between security forces and PKK terrorists in Turkey's southeastern region during the reporting period. Security forces discovered at least 13 PKK shelters/caves/caches and seized booby-trapped land mines; other explosives, including A-4 and TNT; Kalashnikov rifles; cartridges; hand grenades; pistols; night vision binoculars; TV sets; satellite antennas; and radios.

¶5. Throughout the week security forces spotted around a dozen PKK improvised explosive devices in the region and most of them were detonated before they went off.

¶6. (U) Activity as reported by TGS website:

CLASHES (NUMBER)

May 2007, 40

June 2007, 40

July 2007, 15

August 2007, 12

September 1-7, 2007, 5

September 8-15, 2007, 5

CASUALTIES

Security Forces

May 2007 15 KIA, 52 WIA

June 2007 23 KIA, 51 WIA

July 2007 10 KIA, 14 WIA

August 2007 12 KIA, 30 WIA

September 1-7, 2007 0 KIA, 0 WIA

September 8-15, 2007 0 KIA, 12 WIA

PKK

May 2007 20 KIA, 31 captured, 3 surrendered

June 2007 34 KIA, 16 captured, 17 surrendered

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July 2007 11 KIA, 10 captured, 13 surrendered

August 2007 38 KIA, 24 captured, 7 surrendered

September 1-7, 2007 1 KIA, 3 captured, 1 surrendered

September 8-15, 2007 7 KIA, 4 captured, 3 surrendered

CACHES RECOVERED (NUMBER)

May 2007, 113

June 2007, 50

July 2007, 28

August 2007, 40

September 1-7, 2007, 11

September 8-15, 2007, 13

17. (U) Following are the casualty figures for the 2007.

TURKISH SECURITY FORCES (KIA or WIA)

JANUARY 1 KIA, 2 WIA

FEBRUARY 1 KIA, 0 WIA

MARCH 5 KIA, 4 WIA

APRIL 18 KIA, 16 WIA

MAY 15 KIA, 43 WIA

JUNE 24 KIA, 51 WIA

JULY 10 KIA, 14 WIA

AUGUST 12 KIA, 30 WIA

SEPTEMBER 1-7, 2007, 0 KIA, 0 WIA

SEPTEMBER 8-15, 2007,0 KIA, 12 WIA

TOTAL 86 KIA, 172 WIA

PKK (KIA, Captured or surrendered)

JANUARY 0 KIA, 5 captured, 3 surrendered

FEBRUARY 0 KIA, 14 captured,0 surrendered

MARCH 16 KIA,15 captured, 7 surrendered

APRIL 16 KIA,8 captured,4 surrendered

MAY 20* KIA,31 captured,3 surrendered

JUNE 34 KIA,16 captured,17 surrendered

JULY 11 KIA,10 captured, 13 surrendered

AUGUST 38 KIA,24 captured,7 surrendered

SEPTEMBER 1-7, 2007 1 KIA, 3 captured, 1 surrendered

SEPTEMBER 8-15,2007 7 KIA, 4 captured, 3 surrendered

TOTAL 143 KIA, 130 captured, 58 surrendered

* Includes PKK suicide bomber from May 22 attack in Ankara

CIVILIANS (KIA or WIA)

JANUARY 0 KIA, 0 WIA

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FEBRUARY 1 KIA, 0 WIA

MARCH 0 KIA, 0 WIA

APRIL 1 KIA, 0 WIA

MAY 14*KIA, 108* WIA

JUNE 1 KIA, 1 WIA

JULY 1 KIA, 3 WIA

AUGUST 1 KIA, 1 WIA

SEPTEMBER 1 - 7, 2007 0 KIA, 0 WIA

SEPTEMBER 8 - 15, 2007 0 KIA, 0 WIA

TOTAL 19 KIA, 113 WIA

* Includes 9 KIA and 100 WIA from May 22 Ankara bombing.

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